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Good Morning, My name is Candace Chase. I own 20 acres of Ag zoned property in Waialua.

I am here today to request the city council extend the zoning for accessory dwellings in bill 20 to include Ag zoned land and help promote FAMILY FARMS. The original bill 21 included ag zoned land....and I am stunned to find that this bill has removed ag zoned property from the proposed revised ordinances.

The owners of Ag properties have dual purpose for accessory dwellings..... to house relatives on the property and add additional labor force to make the ag land productive. THIS IS THE DESCRIPTION OF FAMILY FARMING . The high cost of Ag land on Oahu and the labor intensive production of Ag product could be somewhat mitigated by the housing of extended family to support the process of farming Ag parcels. Ag land certainly has more ability then residential properties to provide the infrastructure support required for accessory buildings as set out in the bill.

Oahu has so much focus on preserving our Ag lands....yet the Ag land owners are always treated like second class property owners when new beneficial legislation is proposed that only benefits residential zoned properties. City Council needs to pay attention to the people and start supporting legislation to support Ag land owners who are FAMILY FARMERS.

I realize there is always the hesitancy to include zoning ordinances to Ag land because some do not want to provide any prerseved additional benefit to what is labeled 'gentleman farms". But this is another example of throwing the baby out with the bathwater and hurting the Ag owner who is trying to make the Ag parcel work. I keep hearing "gentleman farms" are bad...I keep seeing "gentleman farm developments" approved....and then the legislation backlash for that approved development....is taken out on the one critical group that this society needs to support....the FAMILY FARMER.

There must be some language that can control the assessory dwelling use on ag land to the 95% of ag owners who legitimately could benefit greatly by the additional dwelling unit on their property. The current additional dwelling units allowed on ag land could be altered to increase the dwelling density on Ag 1 zoning and Ag CPR properties .....and house more family members to the benefit of the household and Ag property production.

This bill is allowing a 5,000 lot in the middle of crowded Honolulu to be eligible to house additional family members and tax the inner city traffic and public utilities.....and the ag owner with acers of land, out in the country, will be denied the ability to house additional family members a roof over their head or the additional help to produce the manpower required for the ag use of the property

I would like this bill to go back to the zoning committee and find language that would allow controlled assessor buildings to Ag zoned land.

We need to start creating legislation that will promote FAMILY FARMS in Oahu. FAMILY FARMS....extended living is FAMILY/FARMING is ag land. Please do not allow this opportunity to go away.... to allow FAMILY.... ON OUR FARMS.